

# CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

August 8, 2023

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**DIRECTORS:**

Todd Westergard  
John Capurro  
Mike Nevin  
Ernie Schank (Zoom)  
Karen Baggett (Zoom)  
Ed James  
Ty Minor (Zoom)  
Tyler Henderson  
John Enloe (Zoom)

**ABSENT:**

Pete Olsen

**Staff**

Mary Pat Eymann

**OTHER:**

Kayla Dowty, Engineer  
Leo Bergin, Attorney

**GUESTS:**

Richard Wilkinson, CVCD (Zoom)  
Judi Tortelli, RTC  
Amanda Callegari

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**1. CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

President Westergard called the regular meeting to order.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**3. APPROVE AGENDA –**

❖ Director Capurro made a motion to accept agenda as posted; seconded by Director Schank; motion carried.

**4. APPROVE MINUTES FOR June 2023, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND CHECKS WRITTEN AS SUBMITTED –**

❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve the and financials as submitted; seconded by Director Nevin; motion carried.

**5. WATER MASTERS REPORT AND DISCUSSION – Chad Blanchard (Mr. Blanchard was not present)**

*A complete copy of the Water Report is available at District Offices or on the internet at [troa.net](http://troa.net) and the SNOTEL report at [wcc.sc.gov.usda.gov/reports/SelectUpdateReport.html](http://wcc.sc.gov.usda.gov/reports/SelectUpdateReport.html)*

**6. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING ADDITIONAL EXTENSION OF 2023 FUNDS AWARDED TO CARSON CITY PARKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,275 – Staff**

Carson City Parks contacted the office regarding a possible extension of the funds they were awarded due to the area in question being flooded still. They anticipate being able to complete the project soon.

❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve the requested extension; seconded by Director Nevin; motion carried.

**7. DISCUSSION, ACTION, AND DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING REQUEST FROM USGS FOR ASSISTANCE IN MATCHING FUNDS PROJECT FOR GAGE MONITORING NEAR FORT CHURCHILL – Director James**

NDEP with USGS matching funds currently funds 50% of the Carson River near Fort Churchill gage, with Carson

Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) and USGS matching funds providing the other 50%. NDEP has contacted USGS and advised would like to reallocate these funds to other projects; therefore, USGS is looking for an entity or entities who can help partner up with CWSD to fund the gage. The total for FY24 (10/1 to 9/30) would be around \$10,500. With USGS matching funds available, that'd be \$6,825 from an entity or entities and \$3,675 in USGS matching funds. USGS is wondering if CTWCD would be interested in funding or assisting in the funding of this gage. They are talking to TCID as well as Churchill County for assistance in this as well.

Engineer Dowty advised that this is outside our jurisdiction by way of the Martis Creek Agreement. Director Schank will contact TCID to see if they are interested in assisting in the funding. Director James advised that we have until October to decide.

The Board would be interested in assisting but would like to see if any other agencies would be interested in helping and what amounts. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ORGANIZING A TOUR OF THE CARSON RIVER AND POSSIBLY THE TRUCKEE RIVER – Director James**

Due to the high run off this year, there has been a lot of damage along the banks of the Carson River. CWSD is trying to set up a tour of the damage along the River and will contact the Board as well as Engineer Dowty to go along on the tour. They are looking at the end of August or beginning of September.

Engineer Dowty advised that the Truckee River is in good shape as far as erosion.

**9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE INUNDATION AND POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF THE DISTRICT – Ron Penrose, Kayla Dowty**

*See Engineer's Report*

*Superintendent Report regarding complete information regarding this issue was provided and available at District offices.*

CTWCD met with Trina Magoon and John Flansberg from the City of Reno at City Hall on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Kayla Dowty, Lori Williams, and Todd Westergard attended. Overall, it was a great meeting with positive communication.

The 3 areas of discussion were:

1. Riverside Drive
2. Kayak Park
3. West Street Plaza

**10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING ENCROACHMENT PERMITS AND REQUESTS – Kayla Dowty**

*See Engineer's Report*

Kayla has a regularly scheduled meeting with USACE which has proved to be very beneficial.

**Existing applications:**

1. City of Reno Booth Street Siphon project.
2. RTC Arlington Geotech project
3. RTC Arlington Bridge replacement project
4. Sierra Street & Keystone Avenue bridge replacements

**11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING MAINTENANCE DEBRIS REMOVAL WORK, EMERGENCY DEBRIS/DEPOSIT REMOVAL WORK AND AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURES FOR SUCH WORK – Kayla Dowty**

*See Engineer's Report*

The amount budgeted for channel maintenance for this fiscal year is \$100,000. Engineer Dowty requested permission to get the contractors started a little earlier this year due to the potential of running into winter on the debris removal and

being unable to complete. She is requesting to spend a total of \$50,000 using two separate contractors, the board had no issues with the request.

**12. ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT –Kayla Dowty**

*See Engineer's Report*

**13. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Ron Penrose (not present)**

**14. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Leo Bergin**

Nothing to report.

**15. SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT – Mary Pat Eymann**

Nothing to report.

**16. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**17. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Future Agenda Item Requests:**
- 1. Agenda item 7 regarding request from USGS**
  - 2. Superintendent transition and how to move forward**

**Board Comments:**

Director Schank – The emergency soft plug has been restored at Derby Dam. Progress is being made on the lining of the canal.

Director Westergard – There is a website under the Governor's website that lists board vacancies. There are currently 5 vacancies listed for CTWCD. Mr. Westergard is meeting with the Governor's Chief of Staff to see how to move this forward and what they need specifically. Mr. Westergard will report back at the next meeting.

**18. ADJOURNMENT -**

There being no further business Director Schank made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Director Henderson; motion carried meeting adjourned.

**Next regular meeting  
September 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**

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Todd Westergard,  
President

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Mary Pat Eymann,  
Secretary/Treasurer